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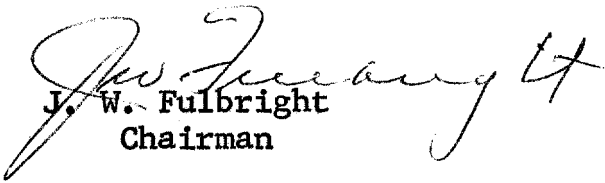
Mr. Richard Helms
Director, Central
Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Helms:

At the request of the Committee on Foreign Relations, James G. Lowenstein and Richard M. Moose of the Committee staff will be traveling to Vietnam between the period May 23 to approximately June 4. The purpose of their trip will be to provide the Committee with a full report on the current military, political and economic situation in Vietnam. While in Vietnam Messrs. Lowenstein and Moose have been asked to meet with American officials involved in all aspects of our civilian and military programs and representation in Vietnam. In addition, I expect that they will want to travel to various areas within South Vietnam.

The Committee is most grateful to you for the cooperation which Mr. Lowenstein and Mr. Moose have received from officials of your Agency in the past. I hope that it will be possible for them to be similarly fully informed by your representatives in Vietnam regarding the situation in that country with the understanding, of course, that such information will be given whatever classification is required in the interest of national security. As has been our practice in the past no such information will be made public by the Committee without prior consultation with the Central Intelligence Agency.

Sincerely yours,


J. W. Fulbright
Chairman

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